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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM MC MANAWAY

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SUBJECT: MEDIA ON GELB AND TERRORISM POLICY STORIES

1. GELB STORY:

-- GELB STORY RECEIVED NO TREATMENT IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS THIS MORNING. AP STORY NOT PICKED UP HERE BUT MAY BE PLAYING IN THE HINTERLAND. SCALI HAD A SPOT ON ABC TV LAST NIGHT TO EFFECT STORY COULD BE AMMUNITION FOR CARTER AND CHARACTERIZED STORY AS A LEAK. OTHER NETWORKS DID NOT USE IT.

-- BROWN REPORTS THAT HE READ TO AP RADIO FOR TAPING YESTERDAY'S STATEMENT AND IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS UNDER-LINED MAIN POINTS: (1) SECRETARY'S CONCERN FOR RESPONSIVE FOREIGN POLICY, (2) NEED TO COMMUNICATE WITH PUBLIC, (3) FACT THAT (CONTRARY TO SENSE OF REPORTAGE THUS FAR) EXERCISE WAS COMPLETELY OPEN WITH CONCLUSIONS SENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICIPANTS, AND (4) IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF EXERCISE WAS

TO ELICIT CRITICISM AND EXPRESSION OF PUBLIC CONCERN. AP
TOLD BROWN THEY WILL USE TAPE.

-- WE WILL, OF COURSE, REPORT ANY INTEREST AT PRESS
BRIEFING TODAY.

2. TERRORISM POLICY:

-- TOTAL SILENCE ON OUR TERRORISM POLICY. ROBINSON

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